



TOWN OF CHARLESTOWN

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Charlestown RI – The Town of Charlestown is pleased and proud to announce that grant applications are now being accepted for the Charlestown COVID Response Grant. The grant offers a chance for a one-time allocation of funds to help small businesses and nonprofits in our community. The program is funded with \$50,000 of the Town of Charlestown’s American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) allocation of funds and is intended to support investments that help our local economy continue to address COVID-19 impact and recovery.

“The Town of Charlestown is excited to offer grant opportunities to local businesses that have been negatively impacted during the pandemic. We are hopeful this will assist businesses in their continued success” - Deborah Carney, Charlestown Town Council President

There are 10 grants available at \$5,000 each. Negative financial impact for the time period of March 3, 2021 – March 1, 2022 must be documented in grant applications. Applications will be considered for privately held businesses and nonprofit organizations located, registered and licensed (if applicable) to operate in the Town of Charlestown, RI. Those established after October 1, 2021 are not eligible. Those businesses or organizations that have received Town of Charlestown ARPA funds already are not eligible to apply.

Deadline to Apply – February 1, 2023. A grant review panel consisting of 4 individuals will review each confidential application and make determinations of the grant award. If the program is not oversubscribed during this first round, a second round will open with a deadline of March 1, 2023. Recipients will be publicly announced April 15, 2023.

The program is a collaboration between the Town of Charlestown, Charlestown Economic Improvement Commission, Charlestown Chamber of Commerce and the Ocean Community Chamber of Commerce (OCCC). Grant details may be found at www.charlestownri.gov www.charlestownrichamber.com or www.oceanchamber.org. Any questions regarding this program should be directed to Lisa Konicki of the Ocean Community Chamber of Commerce, 401-596-7761, LKonicki@oceanchamber.org.